RESOLUTION NO. 2022-6 OF THE BOARD OF LA PORTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HONORING THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE LATE CONGRESSWOMAN JACKIE WALORSKI AND PROPOSING ESTABLISHMENT OF THE WALORSKI SUMMER INTERNSHIP TO SUPPORT AND ASSIST THE

LA PORTE COUNTY VETERANS' SERVICE OFFICE

WHEREAS, Jackie Walorski was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 2012 serving the Second Congressional District which includes La Porte County and she served five terms in office, and

WHEREAS, she was a champion for Hoosiers and known for her leadership on issues impacting small business, manufacturing, the agricultural sector, economic opportunity, the fentanyl crisis and national security, and

WHEREAS, Rep. Walorski, the daughter of an Air Force Veteran, was particularly known and will be remembered for her advocacy for service members and veterans, including through enactment of the Veterans Mobility Safety Act of 2016 (Public Law 114-256) and legislation to extend whistleblower protections to victims of military sexual assault in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014 (Public Law 113-66), and

WHEREAS, Rep. Walorski was widely recognized for her work ethic, passion for public service and never wavered in her commitment to the cause of this nation's veterans and active service members, and she also formed strong relationships and friendships with members of Congress on both sides of the aisle in her advocacy for and on behalf of veterans,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LA PORTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, that we hereby propose establishment of a Walorski Summer Internship to be funded by private sector dollars and grants to place an intern into the county's Veterans' Service Office each summer to assist that office in outreach to veterans in our county and assist in providing support to our county's veterans and their families. We, the undersigned, believe that permanent establishment of the Walorski Internship is a fitting tribute and memorial to the great service and assistance our late Congresswoman provided to our veteran community and will keep alive her memory and recognize the dedication she showed to the cause of caring for our veterans.

All of which is resolved this 17th day of August, 2022

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LA PORTE COUNTY, INDIANA

